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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [296]

Insurances.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

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WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

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Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

GENERAL NOTICE.

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RESERVE FUND.....\$70,558.27

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [60]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR.

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THE GOLDEN SCISSOR.

No. 15, Fortinere Street.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1882. [77]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PROPERTY AT YOWMATEE.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 28th December, 1882, at 3 o'clock P.M., on the Premises—

(1ST LOT.)

ALL those PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND at Yowmatee Registered in the Land Office as Sections E D and the Remaining Portion of Kowloon INLAND LOT No. 107, measuring North and South sides 50 feet, East 48 feet, West 46 feet. Together with the HOUSE No. 32, Temple Street.

Also,

(2ND LOT.)

ALL that VACANT PIECE of GROUND measuring 100 by 100 feet and Registered as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 58.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1882. [834]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PROPERTY IN HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 29th December, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the Premises,

ALL those PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOTS 62, 194, and 198. Together with the Nine Newly Built HOUSES in Hollywood Road, Nos. 41 to 57, (will be Sold in Nine Separate Lots).

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1882. [835]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

VALUABLE PROPERTY

In Queen's Road Central and Jervois Street.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the MORTGAGEE to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 30th day of December, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the Premises,

All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of Section D of INLAND LOT No. 202, measuring on the North side on Jervois Street 41 feet 2 inches, on the South side on Queen's Road Central 50 feet, on the East side 34 feet 3 inches, and on the West side 44 feet.

Together with the 3 HOUSES in Queen's Road Central Nos. 233, 235, and 237 and on Jervois Street, Nos. 58, 60, and 62. Held for 999 years from the 3rd June, 1846. Yearly Crown Rent \$

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1882. [839]

Intimations.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE JOAO JOSE DA SILVA E SOUZA of Victoria, Hongkong, Printer, having been Adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for Adjudication Filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy on the 6th day of December, 1882, is hereby required to surrender himself to EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, the Registrar of the said Court, at the FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS to be held by the said Registrar on the 3rd January, 1883, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, precisely, at his CHAMBERS, SUPREME COURT.

The said EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. STEPHENS and HOLMES are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

A Public sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final Examination, and to make application for his Discharge, of which notice due notice will be given in the "HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE."

At the First Meeting of Creditors the Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their Debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such meeting an Assignee, or Assignees, of the Bankrupt's Estate, to be called the Creditors' Assignee or Assignees.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1882.

STEPHENS & HOLMES,
Solicitors in the Matter.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. MC LAURIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [829]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd instant, until the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

(Signed) W. SIDNEY BAMSEY,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [827]

NOTICE.

I have THIS DAY PURCHASED under a Bill of Sale, the GOODWILL, PLANT, MACHINERY, STOCK-IN-TRADE and FIXTURES of the FIRM of DE SOUZA & CO., PRINTERS, &c., of HONGKONG, and beg to intimate that I will carry on the BUSINESS under the same Name.

By strict attention, First-class Workmanship, and Moderate Charges I hope to merit the Patronage of the Hongkong public.

F. D. GURDES.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1882. [817]

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

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WE ARE NOW SHEWING EX. "RECENT ARRIVALS."

ALL WOOL SCOTCH PLAIDS, AT 45 CENTS PER YARD.

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NOVELTIES IN CORSET LACE, AND CLASP KID GLOVES.

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&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG. [659]

Hongkong, 16th November, 1882.

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LARGE OIL COLOURS IN MASSIVE FRAMES.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1882.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

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NEW NOVELS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH,

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RELIGIOUS WORKS IN ELEGANTLY BOUND COVERS,

PICKWICK PAPERS,

AND

A VARIETY OF CHEAP NOVELS.

ALL QUITE NEW AND OFFERED AT MODERATE PRICES.

S. MEYERS,

Manager. [661]

Hongkong, 6th December, 1882.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS,

1882-1883.

NOVELTIES FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER.

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ARE NOW SHOWING THEIR NOVELTIES FOR

THE SEASON.

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VASES, JARDINERS, LANDSCAPE PAINTED PLATES.

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ROSE & CO.

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1882.

Intimations.

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GOODS,COMPRISING —
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS
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&c., &c., &c.

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PERFUMERS.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
ESTABLISHED 1841. [431]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before Five O'CLOCK will be obliged by at once communicating with the Manager.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

At the request of numerous subscribers, we have decided to publish forthwith, from the beginning of the New Year, a Special Mail issue of the Hongkong Telegraph, to be circulated on the morning of the departure of the English mail steamer. This paper will contain a complete summary of the news for the preceding fortnight, together with reliable share and market reports, and other items of interest, and will be published independently of our usual afternoon issue.

We regret that it has been found necessary, in order to maintain our high standard, to slightly increase the price of the Telegraph, the subscription to which, after January 1st 1883, will be \$24 PER ANNUM, an alteration which, we trust, will meet with the approval of our friends and supporters.

Our mail issue will be circulated gratis to subscribers only.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1882.

"BANIAN" the beautiful and æsthetic, has been again distinguishing himself. This modest youth, with that chaste air of high bred refinement which so eminently characterized his elegant dissertations on the "Bucket," and bed-chamber-mysteries, has celebrated Christmas by covering himself, in the columns of the Daily Press, with such a thick coating of self-laudation, that even BANDMAN'S notorious trumpet-blowing achievements pale their ineffectual fires before the prowess of our local champion. "Banian" feels satisfaction for having been able, thanks to H.E. the Administrator, to conduce to the prevention of certain abuses, and to the amelioration of some matters requiring amendment; but, singularly enough, he modestly refrains from mentioning the abuses he has prevented, or the improvements he has effected. It would really be interesting to know what abuses "Banian" has prevented, and what improvements he has effected. The public naturally wish to know the full extent of their obligations to this benefactor of mankind—we had almost written "benefactor of his species" but that would have been treading on delicate ground. We have no exalted opinion of "Banian's" imitator, "Cuttle," but that reference of his to the "failing powers" of the author of "Chit-chat" was certainly well-founded. "Banian's" latest contribution to the literature of the period is hardly up to his old form. Briefly stated, "Chit-chat" in this morning's Press consists of seven dry-as-dust paragraphs cribbed from the Graphic, Overland Mail and other journals. A childish allusion to Christmas, stale references to the forthcoming performance in aid of the distressed people of the Philippines, and a police court case in which a well-known resident was fined a nominal sum for upsetting a

hawker's stall, a painful attempt to throw mud at Governor HENNESSY (in which "Banian" plainly makes himself a vulgar liar), some ignorant and illiterate nonsense about the race-course and racing matters, a feeble description of a drunken row between Sikh policemen and Russian sailors which did not take place outside the Club on Christmas Day, some exceedingly fulsome flatteries of his own (imaginary) transcendent abilities, and what is intended to be a crusher to the aforementioned "Cuttle."

By writing weekly hashies of this trashy rubbish during the past six months "Banian" has, according to his own statements—which, by the way, are unsupported by any sort of evidence—proved himself a public benefactor. It is to be hoped that the public will show their gratitude for favors received in becoming fashion—that is, of course, when they clearly understand what they have to be grateful for. At present there appears to exist considerable doubt in many circles whether our social feeble imitation of a sort of semi-emaculated Paul Pry has not been far more of a public nuisance than a useful reformer. His famous "notes" on "the Bucket," his indelicate comments on certain portions of the female form divine, his recherché underclothing experiences, and a most blackguardly and cowardly outrage on the honorable traditions of a free press in publishing the private letter of a subordinate public officer who wrote to correct a gross error, form the sum and substance of "Banian's" claims to public gratitude.

Truly enough he has consistently abused and vilified Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY, but as that was certainly no new feature in our local journalism, we think it will scarcely be deemed a sufficiently meritorious public act to entitle the gifted and polished author to a niche in the temple of fame. Where then, we repeat, are the abuses "Banian" has prevented, where the matters requiring amendment he has ameliorated? If this mysterious Junius of the Daily Press is entitled to a statue let him have it by all means—and let it be made of brass as that will admirably match his matchless effrontery and overweening self-conceit. The Hongkong community, whatever may be its other faults, cannot be accused of meanness. It seems therefore that the claims to public recognition which this pseudo-anonymous literary free-lance so persistently urges week after week must have a flaw somewhere. If "Banian," as an introduction to his New Year's "Chit-chat," will only favor the world with a plain statement of all these wonderful things he claims to have achieved for the public weel, it will throw a great deal of light on our present utter darkness, and set him right with a vast number of persons who are, as matters stand, inclined to regard him (or they—which is it?) as a shallow humbug.

In leaving "Banian" to those pleasing reflections which his philanthropic journalism and its gratifying results must have engendered, we would, with all deference and due humility, respectfully offer one word of counsel to this (in his own opinion) Socrates of the Far East. The Daily Press despot's gigantic mind undoubtedly grasps a widely extended range of subjects; but we would humbly suggest that even "Banian"—modern Crichton as he was with such charming naïveté professes to be—does not know everything. Judged on his bare merits (*vide* "Chit-chat" in our morning contemporary) "Banian," on his own showing, might so far as general knowledge of men and things, and true worldly wisdom are concerned, be safely backed to give either Solomon, or Socrates a good deal of weight and an easy beating, and yet not quite attain perfection. Although this truism must be clearly apparent even to Hongkong's brightest literary ornament, we must confess that we feel extreme diffidence in hinting that, if "Banian" would only have the courage to be ignorant of a great number of things in order to avoid the calamity of being ignorant of everything, his future utterances would increase in value ten-fold, and we might have grounds for saying of him, in the language of the immortal Shakespeare—

"Too modest you are;
More cred to your good report, than grace;
To us that give you truly."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 24th December, were—European 187, Chinese 3,005; total, 3,192.

THERE will be a parade and inspection of the Government Fire Brigade at the Central Fire Brigade Station at 3 p.m. to-morrow, Thursday.

KWOK CHAT SING, a coolie by profession, admitted collaring a spar yesterday, valued at half a dollar, and was, this morning, sent to fourteen days' hard labor for his little Xmas freak.

FOR stealing a ball of opium of the value of \$5—Tsang Asun, who coolly admitted the theft, was sent to Langkoo for the space of three months in Hayward's model boarding establishment, hard labor being added to keep Mr. Tsang Asun's muscles from getting soft during his separation from the busy world.

WONG TIN SING, a coolie with a sweet tooth, was up this morning before "his Washup" Mr. H.E. Wodehouse, charged with stealing seven pounds of sugar, valued at 25 cents. Defendant said, he picked up the sugar from the ground, and doubtless he did; but as he picked it up with the full intention of unlawfully walking off, the magistrate sent him to rusticate for seven days under the paternal care of Mr. Hayward, and further provided him with that gentle exercise known as "hard labour" during his temporary retirement.

WONG A LOI and WONG A KI, hawkers, charged with selling opium and spirituous liquors, without being licensed to deal in such articles, were fined \$50 each, with the option of six weeks' hard labor. The defendants went to gaol. His worship further ordered defendants' boat, liquors, jars and other articles used in their nefarious trade to be sold, one half of the proceeds to go into the Government purse, the other half to go to the party, known as the "informers," who "blowed the gaff" on the illicit traders.

A TELEGRAM from Rome, dated the 21st ultimo, announces the death of Cardinal Sanguigni, the Papal Nuncio to Portugal. It was only yesterday we quoted from a home paper that the Cardinal had provoked a serious conflict with the Lisbon Government owing to his objecting to the selection and nomination by the State authorities of Liberal ecclesiastics to fill the vacant Bishops' sees. The Lisbon press were unanimous in urging the Government to return the credentials of the Nuncio as a reply to his outrage on the national rights and dignity, when the grim reaper Death stepped in and solved the difficulty.

CHAN AKWAI, a fishmonger, who admitted several previous convictions for assault and larceny, was this morning charged with annexing a crane turban of the value of \$3.30. Defendant said he did not steal the turban: "bell-topper" it somehow or other got into his fists while he was taking a hand in a free fight with a crowd of his compatriots. For the next three months Mr. Chan Akwai will have a very scanty opportunity of indulging his pugilistic habit, or taking other peoples' head gear, as Mr. Wodehouse showed his sense of Mr. Akwai's unseemly behaviour by sending him to three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

FOR stealing a pair of pants of the value of thirty cents, Chan Yu, another member of the coolie persuasion, was sent to hard labour for the space of a month. It appears that defendant is a suspicious sort of a "cuss" and was armed with a bag such as is carried by petty pilferers for the purpose of hiding the spoil, and this circumstance probably had something to do with the Magistrate's sending the "pants snatcher" to quod for a month. Giving a collar of unconsidered trifles a sentence at the rate of one day for every cent's value of the property stolen may do much towards keeping these shady characters from their evil ways.

The Daily Press is original if nothing else. In its issue of this morning it says—"Christmas Day was celebrated in Hongkong in the usual manner, the day being universally observed as a holiday. Most of the vessels in harbour dressed ship in honour of the occasion." The special paragraphist of our worthy and eminently reliable contemporary was most certainly celebrating Christmas "in the usual manner" when he observed that "most of the vessels in harbour dressed ship in honour of the occasion." At the present time there are some 36 steamers, 38 sailing vessels, and about 20 men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour. On Christmas Day the steamers Glenavon, Coniston, Douglas and Fokien, and three or four sailing vessels "dressed ship"—certainly not more than ten in all, including every description of foreign-built craft. And yet the reliable morning print says that "most of the vessels in harbour dressed ship." This is certainly only a very small matter, but this sort of recklessness in minor affairs may be safely taken as an indication of the reliable (?) nature of Daily Press news generally. The gifted editor, enterprising staff of statisticians, scribes and paste warriors, and short-hand reporters of The Maudslayi want a lot of looking after. We trust they have spent a merry Christmas.

SAYS the Graphic—Truly the trouser is an ugly garment, and the only things to be said in its favor are that it covers the lower part of the body—the upper as well among the Miggleses of the seaside—and is warm. Nothing can be worse adapted for a muddy day, when the back becomes caked with mud and makes a smooth coating of the plastic soil upon the heel of the boot. If not tucked up it imbues the moisture on a wet day, and takes hours to dry, and in the case of soldiers has been proved to be so unsatisfactory that those slowly moving people, the military authorities, have largely favored leggings, leather bottoms to the legs, and in the cavalry, pantaloons and boots. If, then, the trouser be condemned in so wholesale a style, what is to take its place—the knickerbocker? Well, that certainly is not graceful, but a more comfortable garment could scarcely be found. The old-fashioned pantaloons? Certainly not if it is to be buttoned at the ankle and tied up with strings. The breeches of our grandfathers, the regular old John Bull mode, with shoes in the fine weather and top boots in wet. We might do worse, and nothing could be more English in its style. There is the esthetically-shaped garment of your Bonham and your Archibald Grosvenor. Not bad if made of decent material, and not of velvet or a moonlight gray. Taken altogether, for a lower garment, there is nothing that suggests utility and tolerably graceful look more than some modified form of the dress affected in the Carolinian or Cromwellian days. We are talking to the furniture, and the best of this is really good. Why not modify the dress? Still there is something more to say—time is flying very fast, very rapidly, electrically, we are living at a hundred times the rate of our ancestors, and after all said and done, we have too much to think of with our heads to trouble ourselves greatly about our legs.

THE steamship Sumatra and the barque Helios went into Aberdeen Dock to-day. H.M.'s ship Hibernia undocked, and the gunboats Tweed and Est docked at the Cosmopolitan Dock.

ONE day a sporting man was anxious, from a patriotic motive, of course, to back the flocks of the Duke of Sutherland as being more extensive than those of the Hungarian Count Bathany, and asked the Count how many sheep he possessed, naming, at the same time, the number owned by the Scottish nobleman. "Well," the Bathany replied, "I don't know how many sheep I own, but I have at least as many shepherds as that." The would-be patriotic Scot immediately took a back seat.

THE people of Ootacamund say a contemporary, are favoured above other nations. The soil of the land upon which they live is particularly adapted to the growth of the jalap plant. This fact has but recently been discovered. Nevertheless, we are informed that "besides supplying a quantity of dry tuber to the medical stores at Madras the curator has distributed no fewer than three thousand three hundred and eighty-four tubers to various persons for propagation." What a healthy race of people these good jalap growers should be! Cockle, Part, Morrison, Holloway, and others of that ilk, do not even have a look in.

IT may interest our readers to know that the first record of a breach of promise action in England was that brought before the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1454, against "John Keche of Ypewyale." The gay John not only promised to take Alice Gaudiger for better or for worse, but he had taken the sum of ten marks, cash in advance, by way of dowry, and after pocketing the "spoons," he went away and married another girl with the horrid name of Bloy, "to the great decay of the said Alice, and agayn all resoun and conscience." It is not recorded what the Archbishop said to the fickle John, but he deserved to "Keche" it hot. Nothing can excuse his taking the girl's money.

THE meanest man in Europe lives at Berlin. He wooed and won a Jewish maiden who possessed considerable property. A marriage contract was drawn up, in which was a proviso stipulating that should any impediment arise to prevent the marriage the sum of 90,000 marks should be forfeited to the injured party. The lady, intending to give her future husband a pleasant surprise, secretly renounced Judaism and entered the Lutheran Church. Meanwhile the man had discovered a richer woman willing to marry him. He not only made the lady's change of religion to his own excuse for refusing to marry her, but has actually sued her for the 90,000 marks, and has recovered them in a Court of Law.

THE Increase of Population.—According to the quarterly return of the Registrar-General, the resident population of the United Kingdom in the middle of 1882 is estimated at 35,289,299 persons; that of England and Wales at 26,406,820; of Scotland at 3,784,400, and of Ireland at 5,088,079. In the United Kingdom the births of 283,216 children, and the deaths of 153,343 persons, were registered in the three months ending Sept. 30. The recorded natural increase of population was thus 129,873. The registered number of persons married in the quarter ending June 30, was 128,572. The birth-rate in the United Kingdom in the third quarter of 1882 was 31.5 per 1,000, and the death-rate 17.2. The marriage-rate in the second quarter of the year was 14.6 per 1,000.

NOR many cases of extreme old age are so well authenticated as that of Mme. George, nee Fidault, who was born on the 21st April, 1766, and who is still living at Luxy, in the department of Saone-et-Loire. Her life consequently extends back to the time of Louis XV., and her memory to the scenes of the reign of Louis XVI., the Revolution, the Directory, the Consulate, the Empire, the Restoration, and the reign of Louis Philippe, the Republic, the second Empire and the third Republic. Her husband was killed by a Wurtemberg soldier at the invasion of 1814; and in three years it will be exactly a century since she married, for she was only eighteen at the time. The old lady is in capital health, enjoys all her faculties, and loves to recount the incidents of her long life.

A SERIOUS duel (says the Globe) has been fought just outside Paris, between M. Maurice L.—T—, the well-known sportsman, and a Russian gentleman, Count B—. The quarrel originated in the public dining-room of the Maison Dorée, M. L.—T—, who was sitting at a table close to the Count's party, heard the latter mention the name of a lady who is living apart from her husband in very disparaging terms. He went over to the Count and expostulated with him as to the infamous manner in which the lady had been alluded to in a public place. A violent altercation ensued, and a blow was struck. Cards were exchanged, and the result was such that the seconds of the two gentlemen agreed that a duel should be fought until one or other of the principals was hors de combat. The weapon chosen was the revolver, and the distance twenty-five paces, could be decreased to fifteen at will. Both were to fire together, and at the word of command. The duel was kept very quiet; in fact, the newspaper announced that an amicable understanding had been arrived at. The combatants were driven outside Paris without any one noticing them, and a quiet place was soon found. The opponents were placed face to face at twenty-five paces, which they at once decreased, each advancing five paces. Four shots were exchanged. M. L.—T—remained unhurt. His first bullet went through his opponent's shoulder, and the second struck him on the forehead splintering the bone, and causing a wound which brought the duel to an end. Notwithstanding the serious nature of the wound, Count B—insisted on being taken to the Gare d'Orléans, which station he left in the evening, accompanied by two doctors, for Paris.

MARKOFF and Kinastoff, two noble specimens of the Russian seamen type, were up before Mr. Wodehouse this morning, on the very serious charge of being drunk, and assaulting the limbs of the law in the execution of their duty. An examination into the case showed that it was merely a slight misunderstanding between the tars and a wheel-barrow man that had caused the trouble, so the magistrate sent the two stalwart Russian specimens about their business.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

The veteran sporting oracle of the Shanghai Mercury, the erudite and versatile Lord Charles, has once more let loose the mutinous winds of his carefully nursed wrath against "An Old Sportsman" and still he is not happy. In a recent number of his amusing "mg," under the heading "A Curious Race," he publishes the following yarn, which had previously appeared in the Court Circular:—"A story which reaches us from India is worth recording. At a recent race-meeting up the country, three horses were entered to start for the principal cup, owned by persons whom we will call A, B, and C. Now, one of the conditions made by the giver of the prize was that not less than three horses should compete for it. It appears, however, that A. had backed D's horse for a large sum, and B. had done the same thing as regards A's animal, while C. had laid largely against his own mount. On the morning of the race A. produced a veterinary certificate to the effect that his animal was unfit to run; he, however, said, that in order not to deprive his two competitors of the chance of winning the cup, he should start his horse and pull him up at the end of a hundred yards. B. determined to wait on A; but finding this method of no use, since the former's horse was brought to a standstill, he caused his own mount to bolt out of the course. Consequently C. was bound to ride over and win against his own interests; but he was not to be outwitted. In galloping along he surreptitiously extracted and threw away some of his weight. Consequently, when he returned to scale, vehemently asserting that he had been cheated by A. and B., he was found to be 7lb. too light. To this day it is not decided who really won the cup, and consequently all bets made on the event remain unsettled."

In commenting on this Indian romance Lord Charles could not resist the temptation to have a sly dig at "An Old Sportsman," and he accordingly proceeds in this style—"It is a pity this did not happen in Hongkong; the veteran sporting authority there, who knows more about racing than any mortal man and who has such a command of Billingsgate, might be able to decide by whom the race was won, and he might freshen up his style by using some rather stronger language, if possible, than he uses towards people who are ordinarily regarded as respectable members of society, but we fear he must have already exhausted the Billingsgate vocabulary." Judging from this singular outburst it is plainly evident that the Shanghai celebrity, feeling the sting of a few remarks which I felt compelled to make in self defence some time back, had lost his temper, and whatever slight amount of commonsense he ever possessed; however, his lordship is entitled to a fresh paragraph.

Lord Charles's literary style is not a pronounced success. His diction is anything but choice, his meaning is not always clearly apparent, and his non-observance of the simplest rules of grammar would have a tendency to upset the weak nerves of those foolish persons who imagine that some slight acquaintance with the famous work associated with the name of Lindley Murray is a *sine qua non* for a newspaper writer. The ungrammatical horse-reporter and operative critic of the Mercury would have suited a former colleague of mine—Mr. John Corlett, "Vigilant and the Wizard" of the Sportsman in its palmy days, and for the past eight or nine years editor and proprietor of the Sporting Times. In one respect at least, although I fear in the main essentials of a popular writer, he would have been found sadly deficient. Confessed to say that he never refused an ungrammatical contribution on account of its being ungrammatical. In other respects it was satisfactory, adding, with a good deal of truth, it must be admitted, that ultra-correct grammarians seldom knew anything worth knowing outside the pages of Douglas or Murray. And like the celebrated Editor of the "Little Pink Sun," I could condone Lord Charles's grammatical errors if the substance of his sporting effusions possessed the slightest amount of interest. But bad grammar when added to stupid twaddle becomes too big a pill to swallow, so that considering the blunted arrows of the Mercury's wit are aimed at me with hostile intent, I feel quite justified in doing my level best to reform a misguided individual by showering on him those paper bullets of the brain, which are known to the world as ridicule.

With regard to the "Curious Race," the question at issue was such a simple one that any person with the slightest knowledge of the laws which govern horse racing could not possibly have made a mistake in deciding the matter. Even a greenhorn like the Shanghai Mercury authority could hardly have erred in arriving at a correct conclusion. The Cup was given to be run for under certain conditions; not one of the three competitors complied with these conditions—two did not cover the distance and the third was unable to draw the stipulated weight—and the result of course was that the race was declared null and void and all bets off. The person who originally wrote the account of the race in India evidently knew as much about racing—neither more nor less—as Lord Charles, and the sum total of this knowledge was nil.

I have not yet finished with the gushing horse-mania of the Mercury. Some considerable time ago, that worthy artist, when commenting on sporting letters and articles which appeared in this journal, inaugurated and sustained in a course of gross personalities towards the members of the staff who were presumed to be the authors

of these emanations, and made a special point of making these references as personally offensive as a very imperfect knowledge of the English language, and a somewhat shallow intellect permitted. At first I thought these childish ravings hardly worth noticing; but when the Mercury oracle saw fit to go behind the *nom de plume*, and mix up the articles of the Editor of the Telegraph and "An Old Sportsman" with matters which in no way concerned this newspaper I deemed it advisable to "chip in." And so I applied the sting of sarcasm to my pachydermatous antagonist with sufficient vigour to slightly change his tune. In criticising a communication signed "I.C.U." which appeared in the China Mail, I made reference to certain race ponies the property of Mr. F.S. Gordon, and thus gave the critic of the Mercury an opportunity of sharpening his wit at my expense, or rather at the expense of what he was pleased to term "my collection of screws and cripples." From that time Lord Charles has found his post of sporting critic of the Mercury anything but a bed of roses. I remember Lord Charles telling me when I met him in Shanghai, that he used to attend race meetings in England before he came abroad, an experience which he considered sufficient to constitute him a racing authority. He did not say in what capacity he attended race meetings but I formed my own opinion on the subject. A week or two ago in facetiously writing something about one of the "screws and cripples" mentioned above, I said that it put me strongly in mind of many happy days that I had spent with his lordship on the Heath—Hamstead not Newmarket. What I actually meant to convey was that Lord Charles's racing experiences savoured more of the donkeys, on Hampstead Heath than racers at Newmarket.

Possibly, this was a very poor joke; at any rate it was not an ill-natured one. However, it was too much for poor Lord Charles, who immediately rushed into print—in the correspondence columns of his own newspaper. Under the heading "Personal," he writes to the Editor of the Shanghai Mercury as follows:—"I have noticed that the editor of the Hongkong Telegraph is constantly referring to Lord Charles, whom he seems to mistake for some old acquaintance of his. Something puts him 'strongly' in mind of many happy days, long ago, his lordship and I have spent on the Heath—Hamstead. Some of my friends have for the last seventeen years or so called me 'Lord Charles'; in China, and I have entered race-ponies in that name, but I have not had an opportunity of spending happy days on Hampstead Heath since Mr. Fraser-Smith was born, which I am told is about 32 years ago. I have some relations who lived at Hampstead and it is apparent they must have mistaken me for one of them. I never had any acquaintance whatever with Mr. Fraser-Smith until I once, or twice, met him here at the Spring Race Meeting of 1881. Why he should call me 'my friend Lord Charles' in a newspaper I am totally at a loss to conceive. I wish to assure the public that I never had that honour." There is really nothing particularly out of the way in this somewhat childish communication, and it is only noteworthy for the writer's indulgence in the habit against which he means to protest. This Editor of the Telegraph never once referred to Lord Charles in that journal; Mr. Fraser-Smith never claimed even common acquaintance with that eccentric person; or with his relations at Hampstead; in fact, Mr. Fraser-Smith had just as much to do with the controversy between "An Old Sportsman" and the oracle of the Mercury as had Mr. Charles Rivington, and I certainly have no remembrance of ever writing that gentleman's name in any one of my numerous letters on racing gossip. That allusion to what the great Pitt called "the atrocious crime of being a young man" gives one a capital notion of the lofty minded individual Lord Charles must be. In closing this amusing controversy, the youthful writer of these lines, who is really what he claims to be—"An Old Sportsman"—would respectfully remind the veteran Lord Charles that there is nothing more disgraceful than that an old man should have nothing to produce as a proof that he has lived long *except his age*.

Foochow Winter Meeting. From a sporting point of view, seems to have been a great success, but local sportsmen had a very bad time owing to the Philippines from Shanghai swooping down, and carrying off the best part of the plunder in the shape of shakels of gold, and other precious metals. Mr. St. Andrew's blue and silver headed jacket was carried to the front no fewer than nine times, Driving Cloud and Jolly Friar winning twice each, Merry Monk four times and Huntsman, winner of last year's Hongkong Derby, once. The yellow and black banner of Mr. Bill showed prominently, Allegro getting home first three times, Whisker second twice, and Pezizito and Gane Farway won a race each. Old Sportsman guided second honors on two occasions, and ran up to Jolly Friar, and Helios in the Champagne, but was unable to earn a winning bracket. This game bit of stuff is, however, in good taste, and might prove as dangerous as it is good to Wong nei shing (see February). Not having received a full description of the races, I am not in a position to say what appears from the bare results to be some extraordinary feat in and out running. On the first day Driving Cloud and Pezizito ran a dead heat in the two miles Compromise Cup in 17. The day after notwithstanding the fact that the best horse in the world was on the second day, Pezizito and Driving Cloud only put some thirty yards between them in the same distance. There are several other reports of form which a description of the races may contain. Can the times given be correct? (See next paragraph.) Two miles in 17. Second day a similar result. Driving Cloud and Pezizito ran a dead heat in the same distance. The present article is written with a view to the amusement of the public, and not to the instruction of the sportsmen.

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Several feeble attempts to infuse life into share business have been made this morning, without, however, being attended with a great deal of success. A few transactions have certainly come under our notice, but as they have been merely arrangements in view of the settlements at the end of the year, they cannot be regarded as of much importance. Banks are gradually getting weaker, the stock being now freely offered at 162 per cent. premium, a fall of eight per cent. within three weeks, which is sufficiently suggestive of the true character of a large number of the sensational transactions reported at various times. Docks are also out of favor, falling to find purchasers at 53 per cent. premium. A fair cash business has been put through in Luzons at 110 and finally at 109, the stock leaving off unsteady, with sellers, at the latter quotation. These transactions have been made solely for covering purposes, as a goodly number of Luzon shares will have to be forthcoming on settling day. No other stocks require special mention.

Not a single transaction has been reported since we last wrote. We may mention, however, that there has been a slight reaction in favor of Banks, the stock being now in good demand at 163.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—163 per cent. premium, buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,850 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,225 per share, sellers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$140 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 885 per share, buyers.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$232 per share, buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,125 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$332 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—53 per cent. premium, sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$12 per share premium.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$120 per share, buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—par. sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$190 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—130 per cent. premium.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$109 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$165 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 percent prem. ex int.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—24 percent prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/7
Bank Bills, on demand 3/7
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/7
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/7
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/7
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8
ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/8
Bank Bills, on demand 55
Credits, at 4 months' sight 46
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T. 224
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T. 224
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 71
Private, 30 days' sight 72

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA per picul, 8510
OLD MALWA per picul, 8550
(Allowance, Tals 12.)
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, 8550
NEW PATNA (second) per chest, 8542
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest 8545
NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest, 8555
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest 8547
NEW PERSIAN per chest, 8550
(Allowance, Tals 32.)
OLD PERSIAN per picul, 8320
(Allowance, Tals 32.)

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.											
BAROMETER.	HONGKONG.	AMOI.	SHANGHAI.	MANILA.	YOKOHAMA.	SEIKO.	YOKOHAMA.	SEIKO.	YOKOHAMA.	SEIKO.	YOKOHAMA.
Thermometer.	57.0	54.0	55.0	51.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Direction of Wind.	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Force.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dry Thermometer.	57.0	54.0	55.0	51.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Wet Thermometer.	57.0	54.0	55.0	51.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Weather.	bc	bc	bc	bc	bc	bc	bc	bc	bc	bc	bc
Hourly Rain.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quantity Rain.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Rajaratnam*, to-day, the 27th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per *Douglas*, to-day, the 27th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Hoihow and Haiphong.—Per *Activ*, to-day, the 27th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Straits Settlements.—Per *Baumwall*, on Thursday, the 28th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Nagasaki and Yokohama.—Per *Sumatra*, on Friday, the 29th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Shanghai.—Per *Peking*, on Friday, the 29th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Geelong*, on Friday, the 29th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Nigata Maru*, on Friday, the 5th January, at 3.30 P.M.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

LEE-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 734, Lunt, 27th Dec., Chinkiang 22nd Dec., Rice.—C. M. S. N. Co.
ASHINGTON, British steamer, 809, McDonald, 26th Dec., Bangkok 12th Dec., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
REMUS, British steamer, 652, J. B. Fryer, 27th Dec., Manila 24th Dec., Cigars and Sapanwood.—Dun, Melville & Co.
NELSON, British steamer, 897, Thom, 27th Dec., Nagasaki 21st Dec., Coals and General.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,109, Hunt, 27th Dec., Singapore 18th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Prosperity, Siamese bark, for Canton.
M. A. Dixon, British bark, for Nagasaki.
Anton, German steamer, for Tournon.
Amoy, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Douglas, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Activ, Danish steamer, for Hoihow.
Camorra, Dutch steamer, for Batavia.
Glenelg, British steamer, for Saigon.
Esmeralda, British steamer, for Amoy.
Atholl, British steamer, for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

December 26, *Fokien*, British steamer, for Amoy and Tamsui.
December 27, *Ping-on*, British str., for Hoihow and Takhoh.
December 27, *Greyhound*, British steamer, for Hoihow.
December 27, *Lee-yuen*, Chinese steamer, for Canton.
December 27, *Erin's Isle*, British ship, for Singapore.
December 27, *Atholl*, British str., for Swatow and Amoy.
December 27, *Esmeralda*, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Ashington*, str., from Bangkok—110 Chinese.
Per *Remus*, str., from Manila—Mr. Happer.
Per *Woosung*, str., from Singapore—8 Chinese.

DEPARTURES.

Per *Sutlej*, str., for Singapore.—Mr. and Mrs. Cable, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Burgess and 2 servants, Mrs. Donaldson, Messrs. C. Harris and E. L. Bayliss, from Hongkong. For Suva.—Mr. Gelhart. For Plymouth.—Messrs. J. Absalom, R. Perry, W. Mehigan, and Thos. Underhill. For London.—Mr. E. B. Jorey. From Shanghai.—Mr. G. Van Hoorne for Singapore. For London.—Messrs. Shen Kan Lok J. Maxwell, and J. L. Loe.
Per *Bertha*, str., for Amoy, &c.—3 Europeans and 80 Chinese.
Per *Atholl*, str., for Swatow.—50 Chinese.
Per *Anton*, str., for Tournon.—70 Chinese.
Per *Camorra*, str., for Batavia.—10 Chinese.
Per *Glenelg*, str., for Saigon.—100 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Remus* reports left Manila on the 24th instant; arrived in Hongkong on the 27th. Had strong monsoon and very heavy N. Easterly sea during the entire passage.
The British steamship *Nelson* reports left Nagasaki on the 21st instant. Experienced strong gales from the N.N.W. to North, with heavy squalls; lost starboard plinnage, and received other damages; but had strong N.E. monsoon to port, with unsettled weather.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN JAPAN, CHINA, AND MANILA.
Bertha Hongkong Nov. 2
Oleander Amoy Nov. 2
Voorwaerts (s) Hongkong Nov. 2
Glenfion (s) Shanghai Nov. 6
Endymion Hongkong Nov. 6
Poncha Shanghai Nov. 7
Merionethshire (s) Yokohama Nov. 8
Asia (s) Manila Nov. 8

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date).

Iquique Liverpool June 29
Amunina New York July 11
Marianne Cardiff July 12
C. B. Hazeltine New York July 12
B. F. Watson New York July 25
Esmeralda Hamburg Aug. 6
Khorassan Antwerp Aug. 24
Spica Cardiff Aug. 24
Mantle Hamburg Sept. 5
Nieuwe Waterweg Hamburg Sept. 5
Fluinn Sunderland Sept. 5
Weser Cardiff Sept. 9
B. P. Cheney Cardiff Sept. 9
Napier Antwerp Sept. 9
Myr Whitridge New York Sept. 12
Phoenix Hamburg Sept. 17
Marie Cardiff Sept. 21
Heinrich Cardiff Sept. 21
Deutschland Penarth Sept. 25
Emma T. Crowell New York Oct. 3
Dorothea Cardiff Oct. 3
Lucia London Oct. 13
Adolph Hamburg Oct. 13
Wandering Jew Cardiff Oct. 20
Adelle Cardiff Oct. 20
Auguste Newport Oct. 24
Hesperia (s) Ymuiden Oct. 24
Ulysses (s) London Nov. 20
Lydia (s) Hamburg Oct. 31
Strathmore (s) London Nov. 4
Woosung (s) Glasgow Nov. 7
Dorothea (s) Liverpool Nov. 8
Glenfion (s) London Nov. 8
Telenach (s) London Nov. 11
Vintshire (s) London Nov. 13

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STAMERS.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 268, N. C. Revbeck, 25th Dec., Hoihow 16th Dec., and Macao 25th, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
ANTON, German steamer, 395, Schrader, 19th Dec., Manila 16th Dec., General.—Wielers & Co.
APPIN, British steamer, 324, J. L. Howden, 6th Dec., Canton 5th Dec., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
BAUMWALL, German str., 1,261, J. C. Benohr, 4th Dec., Saigon 27th Nov., Rice.—Siemens & Co.
BAYSWATER, British steamer, 1,039, R. Walker, 25th Dec., Saigon 14th Dec., General.—Tong Kee.
CAMORRA, Dutch steamer, 1,291, Von der Ham, 24th Dec., Amoy 23rd Dec., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CHU-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 1,109, F. Wallace, 22nd Dec., Singapore 13th Dec., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.
CONISTIA, British steamer, 2,258, F. R. Evans, 16th Dec., Calcutta 26th Nov., Penang 4th Dec., and Singapore 8th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CORTIC, British steamer, 4,366, W. H. Kidley, 22nd Dec., San Francisco 23rd Nov., and Yokohama 17th Dec., Mails, and General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.
CRUSADER, British steamer, 647, T. Rowin, 13th Nov., Saigon 7th Nov., Rice.—C. M. S. N. Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.
DECIMA, German steamer, 1,157, Petersen, 24th Dec., Newcastle 29th Nov., Coal.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
DOUGLAS, British steamer, 982, Samuel Ashton, 23rd Dec., Poochow 20th Dec., Amoy 21st, and Swatow 22nd, General.—D. La Prade & Co.
EUXINE, British steamer, 978, J. B. Peters, 26th Dec., Melbourne 15th Nov., Coal and General.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
FAME, British steamer, 1,177, Stoppani, (tug flying)
FELICIA, German steamer, 864, T. E. Runge, 15th Dec., Canton 14th Dec., General.—Siemens & Co.
GEELONG, British steamer, 1,835, W. Webber, 19th Dec., Bombay 25th Nov., and Singapore 9th Dec., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
GLENELG, British steamer, 894, Speckly, 12th Dec., Saigon 27th Nov., Rice.—Gilman & Co.
HONGKONG, British steamer, 67, April 14th, Kwok Acheong & Sons.
LYDIA, German steamer, 1,160, P. Paulsen, 25th Dec., Hamburg 31st Oct., and Singapore, General.—Siemens & Co.
NONA, German steamer, 669, U. Woelfel, 11th Dec., Bangkok 1st Dec., Rice.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
RAJANATTANU, British steamer, 793, W. G. Hunter, 23rd Dec., Bangkok 11th Dec., Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
SEA GULL, American steamer, 48, Hayden, Nov. 24th.—China Traders' Insurance Co.
SUMATRA, British steamer, 1,406, Fairclough, 25th Dec., Yokohama 16th Dec., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
YANGTSE, British steamer, 784, E. Lee, 16th Dec., Canton 15th Dec., General.—Siemens & Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.
YOUTUNG, British steamer, 286, H. Kennett, June 23rd.—Quangal 19th June, General.—Kwok Acheong & Sons.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADVANCE, Siamese bark, 336, P. Dethlefsen, 13th Dec., Chefoo 30th Nov., General.—Chinese.
ALDEN BESSIE, American bark, A. Noyes, 22nd Dec., Portland, Oregon 12th Nov., Spars.—Rorario & Co.
ANDREAS, German bark, 423, F. Hoyer, 27th Nov., Newchwang 16th Nov., Beans.—Siemens & Co.
ANNA BERTHA, German bark, 480, Krause, 27th Nov., Newchwang 14th Nov., Beans.—Siemens & Co.
BILLY SIMPSON, British bark, 432, Brown, 9th Dec., Cebu 26th Nov., General.—Master.
CARMELITA & IDA, German bark, 438, E. G. Keel, 1st Dec., Whampoa 30th Nov., General.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
CENTAUR, German bark, 468, Offensen, 24th Nov., Newchwang 12th Nov., Beans.—Wielers & Co.
CHARON WATTANA, Siamese bark, 565, G. F. Ulrich, 21st Dec., Chefoo 13th Dec., General.—Chinese.
CLARA, German bark, 419, T. Lentig, 30th Nov., Amoy 28th Nov., Beans.—Melchers & Co.—Kowloon Dock.
CONQUEST, American bark, 516, Carins, 20th Nov., Newcastle 22nd Sept., Coal.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
COURIER, British bark, 320, Bartlett, 8th Nov., Newchwang 19th Oct., Beans.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
C. F. SARGENT, American ship, 1,704, D. H. Alderton, 21st Nov., Cardiff 23rd Nov., General.—C. J. Jones & Co.—Limited.
DORA, German ship, 1,459, H. Meyer, 22nd Nov., Cardiff 1st July, Coal.—Melchers & Co.
ELLA S. THAYER, American ship, 1,003, Davis, 22nd Oct., put back.—Russell & Co.
ERL KONIG, German bark, 456, A. Naurch, 27th Nov., Newchwang 16th Nov., Beans.—Siemens & Co.
ERST, German 3-m. schooner, 336, E. Hildebrand, 13th Dec., Chefoo 6th Dec., General.—Wielers & Co.
FERDINAND, German bark, 416, Westergaard, 21st Nov., Newchwang 10th Nov., Beans.—Wielers & Co.
GIULETTE, Italian bark, 435, G. Goygoly, 9th Dec., Singapore 31st Nov., Timber.—Order.
HALLOREDA, British ship, 1,087, Melkie, 25th Dec., Kobe 26th Nov., Ballast.—Captain.
HELENA, British bark, 433, J. Inkster, 28th Nov., Newchwang 19th Nov., Beans.—Melchers & Co.
HERBERT BLACK, American bark, 575, Treat, 13th Dec., Nagasaki 5th Dec., Coal.—Captain.
HERMANN, German bark, 453, W. Piers, 10th Dec., Chefoo 28th Nov., General.—Wielers & Co.
JACOBINE, German bark, 417, C. H. Christian, 10th Dec., Hoihow 25th Nov., Wood.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.—Kowloon Dock.
JUNO, German bark, 517, H. C. Breckwoldt, 29th Nov., Hamburg 22nd July, General.—Melchers & Co.
MARINA, Brit. bark, 666, Langlois, October 15th, London 29th April, General.—Adams, Bell & Co.
METRON, German bark, 594, T. Hottmann, 24th Oct., New York 17th May, Kerosine Oil.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
MINERVA, German ship, 319, P. Duhme, 10th Dec., Whampoa 9th Dec., General.—Melchers & Co.
MONSIEUR, German ship, 1,250, A. R. Wieler, September 23rd.—Cardiff 11th May, Coals.—Russell & Co.
N. BOYNTON, American bark, 1,005, Wm. E. Nason, October 11th, New York 4th May, Pechelup.—D. L. Lusk & Co.
NONPAREIL, British bark, 300, E. Finlayson, 9th Nov., Newchwang 20th Oct., Beans.—Chong Woo.—Kowloon Dock.
PROSPERITY, Siamese bark, 475, D. Michaelson, August 31st.—Bangkok 11th August, General.—Chinese.

HONGKONG—SAILING VESSELS.

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RAMIER, French brig, 280, Jarvay, 23rd Nov., Newchwang 10th Nov., Beans.—Carlowitz & Co.
SAMUEL D. CARLETON, American bark, 884, Geo. A. Freeman, October 9th, Newcastle, N.S.W., 10th August, Coal.—Order.—Cosmopolitan Dock.
ST. IDRE, French bark, 388, F. Durand, 16th Nov., Newchwang 7th Nov., Beans.—Carlowitz & Co.
TALE, German bark, 342, C. Stolze, 29th Nov., Newchwang 19th Nov., Beans.—Siemens & Co.
WHAMPOA.
HAMMONIA, German bark, 408, Weller, 21st Nov., Newchwang 9th Nov., and Amoy 20th, Beans.—Chinese.
J. D. Brewer, American bark, 662, W. L. Josse, 19th Nov., Shanghai 15th Nov., Rice.—Captain.
LOUISA, German 3-m. sch., 245, Schierlock, 13th Dec., Shanghai 4th Dec., General.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
SHUN-ON, Annamite steamer, 136, W. Blumenberg, 29th Nov., Tournon 11th Nov., Ballast.—Shun Woo Yuen.
CANTON.
KUNG-PAI, Chinese steamer, 610, Boswell, 26th Dec., Chinkiang 22nd Dec., Rice.—C. M. S. N. Co.
NINGPO, British steamer, 761, Cass, 24th Dec., Shanghai 21st Dec., General.—Siemens & Co.
POSANG, British steamer, 983, Irvine, 25th Dec., Shanghai 22nd Dec., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HWA-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 984, Wilson, 25th Dec., Shanghai 22nd Dec., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
AMOI.
In Port on 20th December, 1882.
Alex. Newton, British bark, 308 (Newton)—Boyd & Co.
Amoy, German 3-m. schooner, 313 (Thetzen)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
Anna Dorothea, German bark, 343 (Jessen)—Pasdag & Co.
Argos, British brig, 289 (Johnson)—Pasdag & Co.
Assens, Danish bark, 235 (Vandel)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
Chloris, German bark, 334 (Matson)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
Faugh Balough, German schooner, 240 (Rute)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
Flodden, British bark, 337 (Henderson)—Boyd & Co.
Helene, German bark, 263 (J. Rieck)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
Hugo & Otto, Norwegian bark, 457 (M. Koeld)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
John Potts, British bark, 374 (Brown)—Boyd & Co.
Juno, German bark, 266 (Nielsen)—Pasdag & Co.
Kjoberhavn, Danish bark, 353 (Magleby)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
Louise, American schooner, 280 (Lawrence)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
Magenta, British schooner, 329 (Coalfleet)—Pasdag & Co.
Magic, British schooner, 214 (H. Lass)—Russell & Co.
Rachel, British bark, 282 (Affleck)—Boyd & Co.
Tara, German brig, 256 (T. Runge)—H. A. Petersen & Co.
Vivid, British bark, 234 (Peterson)—H. A. Petersen & Co.

SHANGHAI.

In Port on 16th December, 1882.
Antwerp, British bark, 1,091 (Smith)—Frazar & Co.
Channel Queen, British bark, (Lachue)—Chapman, King & Co.
Chingthai, Chinese bark, 472 (Taylor)—C. M. S. N. Co.
Emma, German schooner, 219 (Michelsen)—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Guiding Star, British bark, 311 (Schnitzer)—Mackenzie & Co.
Hedvig, British bark, 375 (Davey)—Nils Moller.
Kolga, British bark, 541 (Kieloth)—Russell & Co.
Martha Louise, German bark, 915 (Behring)—Russell & Co.
Martha, British bark, (McPearson)—Morris & Co.
Presto, British bark, 384 (Laidman)—Morris & Co.
Sea Swallow, British bark, 332 (Way)—F. A. Burchard.
Siblas, French bark, 329 (Huet)—Melchers & Co.
Sofia, Swedish bark, 280 (Pehrsson)—Nils Moller.
Southern Chief, American ship, 1,283 (Higgins)
Star of India, British bark, 1,040 (Parslow)—Melchers & Co.
Therese, German bark, 390, (Hansen)—Melchers & Co.
Zebina Goudy, British bark, 1,037 (Cook)—Melchers & Co.

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Curacoa, corvette, 14 guns, Captain S. Long, Yokohama.
Daring, composite sloop, 4 guns, Commander F. J. Elliott, Kobe.
Encounter, steam corvette, 14 guns, Captain G. Robinson, Hongkong.
Esk, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, In reserve, Hongkong.
Flying Fish, sloop, 4 guns, Lieut. Commander Hoskey, Nagasaki.
Fly, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Lieut. Commander J. Hope, Hongkong.
Foxhound, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut. Commander McQuhae, Sandakan.
Iron Duke, double-screw iron frigate, 14 guns, Captain R. E. Tracey, Singapore.
Kestrel, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Commander E. Hotham, Canton.
Lily, screw gun-vessel, 3 guns, Commander E. Evans, Canton.
Magpie, surveying vessel, 4 guns, Lieut. Com. Carpenter, Nagasaki.
Midge, double-screw gun-vessel, In reserve, Hongkong.
Moonraker, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut. Commander J. H. Corfe, Yokohama.
Pegasus, sloop, 6 guns, Commander E. F. Day, Singapore.
Sheldrake, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut. Commander M. Bridger, Shanghai.
Swift, double-screw gun-vessel, 5 guns, Commander G. Collins, en route Hongkong.
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Vigilant, paddle despatch-vessel, 2 guns, Lieut. Commander C. Lindsay, Hongkong.
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